

## Twitter Thread by Ben Norton



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**Priyamvada Gopal is part of a class of elite academics in the imperial core who teach the ruling class, and use woke radlib rhetoric to justify current Western imperial aggression.**

**She echoes propaganda against Syria, Iran, and China and is silent about Venezuela, Nicaragua, etc**

Far too much of the 'left' is into a joke version of "anti-imperialism" which denies state atrocities in the global south.

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) January 14, 2021

Anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge University Professor @PriyamvadaGopal smears opponents of the Western neocolonial war on Syria as "Assadists"

Would she ever call liberal imperialist Obama a "blood-soaked cretin"? He has exponentially more blood on him  
<https://t.co/arUYuHgC8r>

Let us be in no doubt: there is nothing anti-imperialist about supporting a blood-soaked cretin like Assad.  
<https://t.co/nuzJE6xUy5?>

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) February 21, 2018

The CIA spent over a billion dollars per year arming and training "rebels" who massacred and ethnically cleansed Syrian civilians, especially religious minorities.

But anti-anti-imperialist @PriyamvadaGopal insists these CIA-backed contras are heroes  
<https://t.co/vjpfxll34q>

Deeming non-ISIS Syrian resistance CIA stooges: embarrassing, insulting and patronising

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) November 29, 2015

This was elite anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge University gatekeeper @PriyamvadaGopal's response right after colonial powers the US, UK, and France bombed Syria in April 2018 on bogus lies that have since been debunked.

<https://t.co/vR642Jjdqf>

Am truly glad that a lot of people are 'holding Syria in their thoughts' since last night. Was there a reason they weren't being 'held in your thoughts' since 2011 when Assad crushed a popular uprising and kept bombing his own people with Russian assistance?

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) [April 14, 2018](#)

Of course anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge Professor [@PriyamvadaGopal's](#) is also a supporter of the neoliberal imperialist European Union -- one of the key institutions of European neocolonialism today

<https://t.co/Uevotk23gL>

Worth your realising that over this, over Syria, over Brexit, you are swiftly losing enthusiastic support we once offered you

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) [November 9, 2016](#)

Here is anti-anti-imperialist [@PriyamvadaGopal](#) sharing propaganda from a website funded by the EU's regime-change arm the European Endowment for "Democracy."

We're supposed to believe the imperialist EU is funding "a properly anticolonial piece on Syria"

<https://t.co/HrUE3vo7nD>

And as if on cue, a properly anticolonial piece on Syria, not half-assed Assad apologetics <https://t.co/26mARkeXxd>

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) [September 22, 2017](#)

To elite anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge gatekeeper [@PriyamvadaGopal](#), Iran's post-colonial govt, which is suffocated by Western imperial aggression and sanctions, is little more than "Iranian theocrats"

Absurdly simplistic orientalist/neocolonial rhetoric

<https://t.co/WpVGYfuO7L>

My anti-imperialism does not require me to choose between Trump and Assad, or Tru and the Iranian theocrats. Actually, it invites me to see the overlaps.

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) [January 6, 2018](#)

Note how this anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge expert on "colonialism" [@PriyamvadaGopal](#) uses colonial rhetoric to refer to Iran's post-colonial gov't.

Would she ever call the US, UK, or France "regimes"? Because they're way more authoritarian and criminal

<https://t.co/d493dclRZ8>

Erm, no, [@EmilyThornberry](#) it is not hard to express solidarity with socialists and trades unionists, not to mention workers demanding democratic rights and better living standards, standing up to Iranian regime. It's a dereliction not

to.

— Priyamvada Gopal (@PriyamvadaGopal) January 6, 2018

There's a reason @PriyamvadaGopal is allowed to be a Cambridge professor and teach the ruling class. She heroizes 19th and early 20th century anti-imperialists while smearing them today

She portrays China and Russia as neocolonial powers while whitewashing Western neocolonialism

Oh yeah, and let's not forget how anti-anti-imperialist Cambridge Professor @PriyamvadaGopal erased Palestinian anti-colonial resistance and whitewashed Zionism, because it was inconvenient to her liberal thesis.

@NumanAbdalWahid explains:

<https://t.co/CjTPwzA5aX>

Both pro-colonialist reactionary Douglas Murray and anti-anti-imperialist radlib @PriyamvadaGopal "have one essential thing in common. Both needed to elide crucial events to make the respective thesis in their books credible."

via @NumanAbdalWahid

<https://t.co/yfWCZoegvR>